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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Robert M. Brustowicz
Serial No. : 10/606,554
Filed : June 26, 2003
For : "ON-DEMAND NEEDLE RETAINING AND LOCKING
MECHANISM FOR USE IN INTRAVENOUS
CATHETER ASSEMBLIES"
Examiners : Melissa A. McCorkle & Nicholas D. Lucchesi
Group Art Unit : 3763
Attorney's Docket No. : CHD-006

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Date: Feb. 28, 2006

RESPONSE FILED PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the 1st Official Action mailed November 2nd, 2005, as extended through March 2nd, 2006, for the above-identified application, applicants hereby present their formal Amendment and Reply, which is as follows: